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SUBJECT: VISIT OF INDONESIAN MILITARY TEAM

REF: JAKARTA 10983 AND 11009; STATE 213582.

1. IN ORDER TO MAKE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE INDONESIAN TEAM AS FRUITFUL AS POSSIBLE, WE INTEND TO DISCLOSE TO THEM THE GENERAL MAGNITUDE OF OUR PROPOSED FY 1976 SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR INDONESIA (I.E. 30 MILLION DOLS MAP AND 12.5 MILLION DOLS FMS). SINCE WE ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF COMPLETING THE CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION (WHICH WE ANTICIPATE WILL OCCUR ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 25) WE WILL EMPHASIZE TO INDONESIANS THAT PREMATURE DISCLOSURE OF THESE FIGURES COULD HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON CONGRESSIONAL ACTION. WE WILL ALSO EMPHASIZE TO THE TEAM THAT THESE FIGURES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE PRIOR TO FINAL SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS AND AFTER CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW AND THEREFORE CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED AS TENTATIVE.

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2. 30 MILLION DOLS MAP AND 12.5 MILLION DOLS FMS REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN US SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA AND, ASSUMING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, SHOULD PROVIDE THE GOI WITH CONSIDERABLE OPTIONS TO OBTAIN MANY -- BUT BY NO MEANS ALL -- OF THE ITEMS ON THEIR PROPOSED

SHOPPING LIST. MANY OF THE ITEMS REQUESTED CAN BE PROVIDED WITHIN A REASONABLE TIMEFRAME. OTHERS (E.G. SHIPS,

AND AIRCRAFT) HAVE LONGER PROCUREMENT LEAD TIME.

3. WE SUSPECT, HOWEVER, THAT GIVEN THEIR OWN STATED PRIORITIES, ONCE THEY REALIZE THE COST (AND DELIVERY TIME INVOLVED) OF THE VARIOUS ITEMS ON THEIR LIST, THEY MAY DECIDE THAT CERTAIN OF THE ITEMS THAT ARE BOTH EXPENSIVE AND NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE (FOR EXAMPLE THE DE'S AND THE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS) HAVE A SOMEWHAT LOWER PRIORITY. IN SOME CASES, WE HOPE TO INTEREST THE INDONESIAN TEAM IN SOME ALTERNATE, LESS EXPENSIVE ITEMS.

4. WE WILL INFORM YOU WHEN WE HAVE DISCLOSED MAP AND FMS FIGURES TO INDONESIAN TEAM. AT THAT POINT, YOU MAY WISH TO INFORM APPROPRIATE GOI OFFICIALS OF THE SUBSTANCE OF PARA 1 ABOVE, EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE OF SUCH INFORMATION NOT BEING MADE PUBLIC UNTIL AFTER WE HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO INFORM CONGRESS, AND THE USUAL CAVEATS REGARDING THE UNCERTAINTY OF PROPOSED MAP AND FMS FIGURES. KISSINGER

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